

2 May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : One Day Conference of University Presidents

1. I would like to convene a one day conference of university presidents here at CIA Headquarters early next fall to discuss the subject of CIA-Academic Community relations. I envision something along the following lines:

- small group, perhaps 5-10, from a representative group of the best universities.
- October/November 1977 timeframe.
- well structured conference with discussion focusing on our proposed CIA-Academic Community relationship guidelines which we will furnish them in advance.
- low key; no publicity; no PR effort.
- opportunity to visit Headquarters facilities and talk with key people as they desire.

2. Once an action officer is assigned and has had an opportunity to develop a plan, suggest he get together with [REDACTED] and Herb Hetu to work out details.

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STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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cc: [REDACTED]
H. Hetu

29 March 1977

Admiral Turner:

Yesterday you asked those of us in the auditorium for our ideas on how we thought the Agency might operate better.

I suggest you consider inviting the presidents of the top five to ten universities and colleges in the country to Washington to participate in a day of briefings and dialogue about CIA and the intelligence process.

With the Agency's bad press on the campuses and the threat of the proposed Harvard guidelines, it would seem smart to encourage responsible discussions between CIA and the heads of the academic community. Perhaps understanding the other parties' position will enable both of us to come up with realistic guidelines for CIA activities.

I understand that you are interested in "opening up" the Agency where possible. I think this suggestion might be a good move in the direction of openness, but the potential for bad publicity does exist. The press could distort our legitimate intentions into "CIA TRIES TO SEDUCE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS" headlines.